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SUBJECT: 63RD SESSION OF ECOSOC: FULL PLO MEMBERSHIP IN THE
ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR WESTERN ASIA (ECWA)

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1. ON JUNE 28 THE POLITICAL COUNSELOR CALLED ON MFA
DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND CONFERENCES NOMIKOS
TO EXPRESS US CONCERNS ON THIS SUBJECT. HE USED THE TALKING
POINTS SUGGESTED IN REFTEL AND ASKED FOR GOG SUPPORT IN OPPOSING
FULL MEMBERSHIP FOR THE PLO IN THE ECWA.

2. NOMIKOS REPLIED THAT THE GOG HAD ALREADY CONSIDERED THE
MATTER AND HAD TAKEN THE DECISION TO ABSTAIN ON THIS ISSUE
AT THE JULY ECOSOC MEETING. HE STATED THAT WHILE THE GOG
AGREED THE PLO SHOULD NOT HAVE FULL MEMBERSHIP IN UN INSTITUTIONS,
THE GOG COULD NOT VOTE AGAINST THE ARAB POSITION. HE SAID
HE HOPED WE WOULD UNDERSTAND AND ACCEPT THE GOG'S REASONS IN THIS
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RESPECT. (NOMIKOS DID NOT SPELL OUT THE REASONS IN DETAIL.
HOWEVER, AS WE KNOW, THE GREEK POSITION ON ISSUES SUCH AS THIS IS
INFLUENCED BY GREEK CONCERNS OVER HOW THE ARABS WILL REACT
IN UN FORA ON ISSUES OF IMPORTANCE TO GREECE, I.E. CYPRUS,
GREEK ECONOMIC INTERESTS, AND THE LIKE.) NOMIKOS ADDED THAT
IN FACT THE ARAB COUNTRIES WOULD VIEW GOG ABSTENTION AS OPPOSITION
TO PLO MEMBERSHIP IN THE ECWA AND WOULD CRITICIZE THE GOG FOR NOT

VOTING WITH THEM.
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